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SUBJECT: PER-SAFETY AND HEALTH

<u>Purpose</u>. To transmit a Safety and Health Bulletin prepared by Dan Haig, District Conservationist at Baudette Field Office.

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The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is charged with protecting the public from unreasonable risks of serious injury or death from more than 15,000 types of consumer products. The CPSC Recall Announcements and Product Safety Alerts webpage is located at http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prerel.html.

On this page, select the month and year for the recall notices you desire. The February 2004 list contains press releases for items such as the recall of a baby crib, baby toy, gas grill, snow thrower, snowmobile skis, carbon monoxide alarm, electrical box, fluorescent light fixture, candle, hair dryer, child's toy, hooded sweatshirt, children's jacket, plastic swing and a lithium battery.

The January 2004 list contains a toy football, fitness machine, pool filter, climbing deer stand, propane overfill protection device, notice of the hazards of space heaters and fireplaces, pottery wheel kit, cell phone battery, flagpole, nail care primer, pump up toy car, musical instrument, infants toy, another deer hunter tree stand, sweater and a candle. This is just a small list there are more items that could be hazardous in your home.

The entire database of recalled items and safety news releases contains over 4000 items and goes back to 1974. Searches can also be done by category. A category search lists contains 26 items for exercise equipment, 29 items for ATV's, 40 items for cribs, 26 items for hair dryers and 11 items for smoke detectors. Some of these items are common in all households or offices. Please visit the website to ensure your safety.

It's a great site to check for items you may already have and for items you may want to purchase. For each item listed in the database, there is a detailed description of the product, the defect and risk to consumers and photos of the product.

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